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## Induction Ceremonies Slated Here June 21

Pre-Induction Physical Examinations  
To Be Given to 47 Draftees  
On Wednesday Afternoon  
109 HUNT MEN TO TAKE OATH

For the first time the Army induction ceremonies will be held on the project instead of at Ft. Douglas, Utah, according to Earl Ingham in charge of selective services here. 109 Hunt inductees will be sworn into service by Lieut. B. M. Harrington from Ft. Douglas in an induction ceremony to be held on Wednesday at 4 p. m. near the flag pole in the ad area.

In addition to the 108 names which appeared in last week's issue of the IRRIGATOR, four names were added to the list. The additions to the call are George M. Yoshihara, Kiyoshi Mizuhata, Jim Hajime Akutau and Etsuo Kajiwara. Three names were deleted from the original list.

On the same day as the induction, 47 draftees will take their pre-induction physical examinations at the project hospital. The list of those reporting appeared in last week's paper.

Under the new procedure, inductees and those taking pre-induction physical examinations on June 21 were given chest X-ray examinations at the hospital during the past week.

Sadayoshi Omoto left for Ft. Douglas on Wednesday to report to Camp Savage, Minnesota.

Reporting for active duty next Monday will be Pvt. Kenjo J. Kajikami of 5-4-B who is now in the enlisted reserves. He will also report to Ft. Douglas to receive his assignment.

All draftees leaving the center before their induction must turn in their ration books upon their return. The Ration Office announced yesterday. OPA regulations rule that all books must be surrendered.

## Post Office Gives Dates on Overseas Christmas Mailing

In order that Christmas parcels and mail to members of the armed forces serving outside the continental United States may reach their destination on time and in good condition, arrangements have been made by the Post Office Department in cooperation with the War and Navy Departments for the acceptance of such mail, according to a letter received here from the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

Christmas cards and Christmas parcels for personnel of the armed forces overseas must be mailed during the period beginning September 15, 1944, and ending October 15, 1944. The War Department advises that Christmas greeting cards for soldier overseas must be sent in sealed envelopes and prepaid at the first-class rate. Senders should endorse each gift package "Christmas parcel." Special efforts will be made to effect delivery of all Christmas parcels mailed during that period in time for Christmas.

Addresses must be legible, type-written or in ink. Copies of sales slips of retail stores should not be used as address labels. The complete address should also be shown on a sheet of paper inside the parcel in order to permit identification of the addressee in the event the outer wrapper becomes torn, mutilated, or destroyed in transit. In addition to the name and address of the sender, the name, rank, army serial number, branch of service, organization, A. P. O. number of the addressee, and the post office through which the parcels are to be routed should be shown.

## Topaz Soldier's Family Returns To San Francisco

TOPAZ, Utah—Under the army's new procedure providing for the return of the families of Japanese American servicemen to the evacuated area, Mrs. George Shiraki of Topaz and her five-year-old daughter, Jean, were the first nisei evacuees from Topaz to return to their San Francisco home.

Mrs. Shiraki was issued a permit on June 2 to go to San Francisco, according to Roscoe Bell, acting project director. She has been offered employment by a friend in San Francisco.

Her husband is a volunteer in the army, and was formerly stationed at Camp Shelby, but is now serving overseas.

## ASTRP Now Open to Nisei Candidates

Six Leave for Induction  
At Ft. Douglas, Utah  
In Army Program

Six Hunt candidates for participation in the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program left on Wednesday for Fort Douglas, Utah, for induction under the new War Department ruling.

According to Capt. Philip M. Brandt, Jr., Chief of ASTP Allocations and Reports Branch, Army Service Forces, Ft. Douglas, the War Department authorized on June 1 the enlistment of Japanese Americans who were qualified in other respects in the Enlisted Reserve Corps for participation in the ASTP.

The Hunt candidates were notified on April 20 that they have made a sufficiently high qualifying score in the Army-Navy College Qualifying Test to be considered eligible for participation in the army training program.

The letter from Capt. Brandt, Jr., further stated that application for enlistment at an Army Recruiting and Induction Station must be presented before July 1. If they are found physically qualified and meet certain other requirements which will be explained at the recruiting station, they may participate in the program as soon as the enlistment is completed.

## Camp High Schools Graduate 2000 Seniors in 1944

Approximately 2,000 seniors graduated from the relocation center high schools, according to figures compiled from the WRA center newspapers.

Majority of the centers held their commencement exercises in June, while graduation at Heart Mountain was on May 11. Manzanar High's commencement will be held on June 18.

Poston led the centers in total graduates with 406, with 218 from Unit I, 100 from Parker Valley high, and 88 from Unit II. Heart Mountain followed with 301, while Minidoka was third highest with 286 receiving diplomas.

Following is the list of center graduates:  
Poston ..... 406  
Heart Mountain ..... 301  
Minidoka ..... 286  
Manzanar ..... 181  
Granada ..... 158  
Robber ..... 154  
Denson ..... 132  
Topaz ..... 127  
Tule Lake ..... 121  
Gila ..... 87

## Job Opportunities in East Plentiful Says MacLaughlin

In a letter received by Joseph Beeson, relocation program officer, from V. M. MacLaughlin, assistant relocation program officer, who left the project on May 29 to temporarily work in the Boston Relocation Office, Boston, Massachusetts, account of his trip to New Haven, Connecticut, and the surrounding areas and its opportunities were written.

On his trip to New Haven, he was able to contact the oyster people and find that they are in dire need of help. The housing is quite adequate, located close to the docks. Housing in New Haven is not as scarce as one would think at first sight. Furthermore, there is an active committee of students at the university who have taken an interest in locating housing for prospective relocatees.

Also in New Haven is an offer from Sargent and Company for two moulder. The company has asked for two to start, and stated that they will have room for 80 in case the boys prove satisfactory. This does not necessarily mean that the boys have to be experienced moulder. About all they will need to bring to this company is willingness to work. The salary is 60c an hour, 40 hours a week, with time and a half for overtime. MacLaughlin stated that 60c an hour in this area is equal to 80c or better in other areas where the living is much higher. Another thing to be remembered in this job offer with the Sargent position is that they have been making locks years ago, and will be doing the same thing years after this war is over.

On his way back to Boston, he stopped at a small town called Durham, Connecticut, to look over a poultry farm that is requesting two single men. They will take either experienced or inexperienced men and train them. This offer will pay \$35 a week plus housing, and the housing is standard or better. The poultry industry is a going concern in this area. This type

## Rules to Visit Other Centers Released by Fite

Residents planning to visit another center must first apply at the Social Welfare Office in 22-9-A so that this office may contact the other center for approval. According to Miss A. Liddle Fite, senior counselor.

"Reasons for the visit, name and address of the party who plan to visit and the period of trip are the necessary information that are required," stated Miss Fite.

"As soon as the approval is received from the other center you are cleared to visit that center," she added.

## Travelers Aid Service Given

Relocates May Secure  
Varied Help From  
Society

Emergency situations which evacuees may encounter while traveling from a relocation center to a point of relocation can often times be solved quickly with the help of local units of the Travelers Aid Society, an organization which maintains service desks in railroad stations and bus terminals in many American cities, according to the relocation office.

Travelers Aid has had many years of experience in meeting travelers' needs for information and service, and offers a wide variety of free assistance, which ranges from finding a lost child, to recommending a good movie or church to strangers passing through a city.

Evacuees planning to spend a few days in a city can secure free information on housing accommodations, points of interest, medical facilities, and recreational facilities. Arrangements can also be made to have a representative of Travelers Aid to meet resettlers at transfer points or when they arrive in new communities.

The local units of the Society are also equipped to handle more serious problems. Assistance can be given persons who lose their money or railroad tickets enroute. Medical attention can be provided for persons who become ill while traveling.

Evacuee travelers who need help are encouraged to bring their problem to the Travelers Aid desk in the railroad station or bus terminal. Service desks are easily recognized by a Travelers Aid sign and a lighted globe with the Travelers Aid insignia.

A list of the local Travelers Aid units and complete information on the types of service available can be secured at the office of Joseph Beeson, relocation program officer.

## Hospital Area, Gate, Benefit From Hot Bed

In order to transplant flowers to the front entrance gate and hospital area, the Landscaping Unit constructed a hot bed in Blk. 26, according to William Maxey, Jr., irrigation engineer.

"It is anticipated that the flowers will be transplanted to the above named area within a few days," he said.

However, he thought that there will not be flowers available to individual residents, "but a final decision on this matter will be made after the hospital and ad areas have been completed."

F. Akimoto of Blk. 3 is in charge of this portion of the program and all requests for flowers may be directed to him.

## Rain Decreases Irrigation Need

"Rains reduced the need for irrigation in the farm and block areas, and the flow of the water in lateral 21.5 was decreased to permit plugging of holes through the lava rocks," Wm. Maxey, Jr., irrigation engineer, said this week.

"It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the time our field crops require irrigation," he said.

Delivery of the water in the block areas have had fairly good results, but there have been a few cases wherein the individual block residents tampered with the delivery gates in order to draw water for their own particular section. This resulted in shortening somebody else's as the delivery of water in the blocks is on a regular schedule, it was said.

Block residents were particularly requested to consult the notice which has been placed in the respective dining halls advising as to who is the block irrigator, and on which days water will be available.

## Council Sets Up Hospital Benefit Fund

Block Representatives  
Sit in Special  
Committee

Plans for setting up a hospital fund for the benefit of evacuee hospital workers and blood donors in appreciation of their services were discussed at the first meeting of the Hospital Benefit Committee held last Thursday at the council chamber, Tom Ogawa, community clerk, stated.

This special committee which is incorporated under the Council's Health Committee, is chaired by Councilman Jack Chikata and composed of two representatives from each block.

It was decided at the meeting that 50 per cent of the fund will be solicited each month, with the contributions to be made voluntarily. This month's fund drive will be made on June 19, 20 and 21.

According to present plans, the fund will be used to purchase much needed periodicals and books for use by the doctors. Also blood donors will be given \$10.00 as a token of appreciation.

Since the local hospital does not have the facilities to set up a blood bank, the representatives will pick two from each block to become blood donors. Their blood will be tested and typed so that they can be called in an emergency.

A treasurer and an auditor will be elected from each area at the next meeting which is scheduled for next Thursday.

## Beeson Announces New Short Term Leave Regulations

According to the new WRA regulations received from Washington, short term leave may be issued to permit an evacuee to be interviewed by a prospective employer, look for permanent employment or investigate a relocation opportunity, upon submission of an itinerary of the proposed travel and approval by Joseph Beeson, relocation program officer.

Seasonal or indefinite leave trial period may not be converted to short term leave, nor may it be issued for the purpose of looking for temporary or seasonal employment.

The short term leave will not ordinarily be granted to an applicant under 21 years of age except under the following reasons:

- (1) To accompany an older member of the immediate family,
- (2) where he is married and the head of a family, (3) in the case of emergencies involving members of the immediate family or business matters requiring the applicant's personal attention, (4) where the leave is for the purpose of investigating relocation opportunities and the approval of the relocation program officer and the project director is given, (5) where he has been accepted after physical examination for service in the armed forces, and (6) in connection with other trips specifically approved by the project director.

## WRA To Operate European Refugee Camp in New York

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9—President Roosevelt announced that approximately 1,000 European refugees will be brought to the United States and established at Fort Ontario, near Oswego, N. Y. and placed the War Relocation Authority in charge of the administration of the camp, according to Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director.

"We had no advance information and will have no opportunity until next week to begin to make plans for operation of this camp," Myer said in a teletype to H. L. Stafford, project director.

In his news conference, Roosevelt said that 1,000 to be brought to Fort Ontario are all that he anticipates will come to this country. It was indicated that bringing them here is primarily intended as a token of the United States' willingness to do its part in meeting the problem, the Associated Press reported.

"It is important that the United States indicate it is ready to share the burden of caring for refugees during the war," Roosevelt instructed Ambassador Robert Murphy at Algiers.

The President directed the army and navy to cooperate with Murphy in arranging transportation for the 1,000 refugees. He placed the War Relocation Authority in charge of administration of the camp, but instructed the army "take the necessary security precautions so these refugees will remain in the camp."

Murphy was instructed by Roosevelt to choose refugees "for whom other means of refuge are not immediately available," but he would "like the group to include a reasonable proportion of various categories of persecuted people who have fled Italy," the A. P. report said.

Roosevelt told the reporters that 1,800 refugees reached southern Italy last week from Yugoslavia alone. He said he has already established at Casablanca and elsewhere in the Mediterranean area have facilities to care for 20,000 and these will be expanded and new ones established to make room for 40,000.

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## New Gate Procedure Now Put Into Effect

Day Pass to be Turned in to Clerk  
For Blue Badge Before Leaving  
Center, Rose States  
SYSTEM TO SPEED CHECKING

To speed up the checking of persons entering and leaving the center at the main gate, a new gate control procedure was put into effect on Monday, June 12, in conformity with instructions from the Washington office, according to Miss Evelyn Rose, statistician from the Washington office.

Under the new system, any person leaving the center on a shopper's pass, an army inductee's pass, or any other special one-day pass will exchange his pass for a blue badge at the gate clerk's window inside the main gate. This badge will be shown to the military police on duty at the gate by the person leaving the center. Upon his return, he will again show his badge to the military police on duty and return it to the gate clerk inside the gate.

**Ruling Affects Workers**  
Each worker who leaves the project area in the performance of his job will be issued a daily work pass by his section head. This is valid for one month. Each day the worker will exchange his pass for a blue badge at the gate clerk's window before he leaves the center. The blue badge enables the worker to pass the military police on duty at the gate. On his return to the center, the worker will surrender it to the gate clerk who will return his daily work pass to him.

**Visitors Get Orange Badge**  
Visitors to the center will report to the gate clerk's window outside the main gate where an orange visitor's pass and a receipt will be completed. One copy of this pass will be given to the visitor and will enable him to pass the military police on duty. This pass must be kept by the individual and presented to the gate clerk inside the main gate when he leaves the center.

"Anyone checking out of the gate before 8 a. m. must be checked the night before departure date to get proper passes," Miss Rose added.

To avoid confusion around the gate when a bus is loading, the project director requests that all farewells be said inside the gate. The military police have been asked to allow only persons with blue badges or outgoing gate passes to pass the gate, and the cooperation of center residents in this respect will be appreciated.

The new badge ruling does not affect those who are leaving the project on seasonal, indefinite or short term leaves. They will be given two copies of the gate slip outgoing, and check out with the gate clerk, and will be given a pass. The gate procedure will be explained to them at the Leaves Office.

**Sugar Rationing  
Rules Released**  
In compliance with OPA regulations, the local Ration Board will be issuing ration stamps 40 and spare stamp 37 from books of residents leaving on seasonal or short term, according to Mrs. Kawasaki of the Ration Board.

The two stamps will be returned to those residents if they plan to leave on indefinite.

## Work Training Courses Offered To All Residents

The schedule for training in stenography, typing, cooking and baking classes conducted by the vocational training school was released by O. F. Cukosky, supervisor, this week.

Classes in stenography and typing will meet on Monday at 8:30 a. m. at 23-4-A.B.

Classes in cooking and baking will be conducted on Tuesday at 9 a. m. at 23-1-A.B.

## Committee Chosen For Appointed Staff Activities

To initiate Appointed Staff Activities which will include children's athletics and programs, dramatics, music, social recreation, and other items which the committee may decide on, Morris Roth, community activities supervisor, nominated the following committee:

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beeson, F. W. Minnesang, Mrs. W. Howard Mann, L. W. Folsom, Miss A. Liddle Fite, H. L. Stafford and Elmer Smith.

The committee will hold an organizing meeting at 2 p. m., Tuesday, June 13, in the Project Director's office. All members are especially urged to be present in order that sub-committees may be chosen.

## W. E. Rawlings Replaces Davidson Until Return

W. E. Rawlings, chief of agriculture, is acting as assistant project director in charge of operations until the return of R. S. Davidson who has left the project for private business in Glendale, California.